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OVERVIEW

Southeast Asia is a dynamic region and widening wealth gaps between and within countries encourage significant cross-border migration. Significant disparities exist within access to health care, especially in mobile and migrant populations (MMP) which are often at greater exposure to health security risks. MMPs tend to have less access to health care, possess limited knowledge on the causes, prevention and treatment of diseases, and can be more difficult to target, monitor and treat.

The project *“Supporting National Level Migration Health Coordination Mechanisms in Asia”* will support the Ministries of Health in Thailand, Cambodia and The Philippines in establishing national level multi-sectoral migrant health coordination mechanisms and conduct national situational analyses and technical thematic research on migrant health. These will contribute towards the development of national action plans that will respond to new global level guidance on principles and priorities for addressing migrant health.

In line with considerations undertaken at 70th World Health Assembly, which provides further impetus to member states to systematically review and improve the health of migrants, the project will ultimately facilitate and support Ministries of Health in the development of locally-adapted, action-oriented strategic and operational plans at the national level for the benefit of migrants.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Establish National Coordination Mechanisms: Migration health coordination will be strengthened at the national level through the establishment of multi-sectoral forums to identify strategic avenues for closer cooperation.

Undertake Situational Analyses: Situational analysis and/or research will be conducted at the national level on priority migrant health topics identified by respective Ministries of Public Health and will include a focus on varying inequalities, including gender.

Develop National Level Action Plans: IOM will facilitate national level workshops, bringing together a range of health stakeholders. This is to enable the development of locally-adapted strategic and operational plans in each country that are in line with global policy guidelines and recommendations.

KEY FACTS



Donor:
IOM Development Fund

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Areas Covered:
Cambodia, the Philippines and Thailand

Management Site:
Bangkok, Thailand

Project Partners:
Public Health Agencies, International Organizations and Civil Society

Project Beneficiaries:
Ministries of Health of Thailand, Cambodia, and the Philippines

